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Subject: Academic Technology for Disabled Students

Dear Colleagues:

Cal Maritime, along with other CSU campuses, is currently engaged in the implementation of an integrated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assistive Technology Initiative. On September 28, 2006 the CSU Office of the Chancellor released coded memorandum AA-20096-41 (<http://calstate.edu/acadaff/codedmemos/AA-2006-41.pdf>). It provides a roadmap for campus implementation of CSU Executive Order No. 926 (<http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-926.html>) which states:

“It is the policy of the CSU to make information technology resources and services accessible to all CSU students, faculty, staff, and the general public regardless of disability.”

Three priorities are identified in EO926:

- Web Accessibility
- Instruction materials accessibility
- Accessible electronic and information technology procurement (E&IT)

I have appointed Mr. Steve Frazier, campus CIO, as implementation officer for the Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI). I would also like to recognize and thank the groups who are working with him to formulate policies related to these three priorities. The Faculty Senate’s Library Committee, chaired by Jim Rogers, is working on a policy for instructional materials accessibility, and the ADA Committee, chaired by Shayna Sullivan, is formulating an accessibility policy for CMA’s website. Also, Vineeta Dhillon and Mr. Frazier are addressing E&IT Procurement issues. Their policies should be completed by mid-June.

Given the unique nature of our campus, our approaches may differ from those of our sister institutions. Nevertheless, we are required to comply with applicable laws pertaining to accessibility.

Successful implementation of the ATI will ultimately require the effort of everyone on campus. I encourage you to read the coded memorandum and executive order and become involved where appropriate as these projects move forward. Specifically, I am asking our program administrators, deans and department chairs to work with the various ATI groups to identify and address issues of accessibility. If there are employees in your department who do not have regular access to email, please print this message for them so they can be engaged in this campus-wide effort as well.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and meeting the needs of our students, faculty and staff.